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To: The Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force

From: John Kirlin, Executive Director

Regarding: Pending Legislation of Interest to the Delta Vision and the Task Force

At your last meeting you requested a short list of pending legislation that would be of interest to your work. The following ten bills list requirements for, or state legislative intent about, topics pertinent to the Task Force's work.

Legislative Update for Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force

Curt Miller, Deputy Director for Legislation, CALFED Bay-Delta Program

AB 1420 (Laird) Water Demand Management Measures. This bill would require the terms and eligibility for any grant or loan to an urban water supplier awarded or administered by DWR, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), or the California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA) to be conditioned on the implementation of the water demand management measures described in urban water management plans. In addition, the bill would specify the programs and projects eligible for grants and loans, would require the development of grant and loan criteria, and would establish a standard of excellence for water conservation. **Status:** In Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

AB 1489 (Huffman and Wolk) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. This bill would require the Secretary for Resources to prepare and submit to the Legislature an annual report of Proposition 84 expenditures, would require statewide water planning and design studies done by DWR to include an analysis of energy and greenhouse gas emission impacts, would require DWR to develop guidelines for integrated regional water management plan grants, and would require DWR to conduct a groundwater resources study. **Status:** In Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

SB 5 (Machado) Flood Management. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding the necessity of developing a comprehensive integrated flood policy and flood management program and would require DWR to prepare the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Flood Management System Plan, as specified. In addition, the bill would require local governments, by a specified date, to revise general plans to address flood risks, collaborate with local flood agencies to identify parcels that may be protected by a flood protection plan or other flood management facilities, develop funding mechanisms to finance local flood responsibilities, and provide public notice to specific geographic locations that may be protected by a flood control facility or that are located in a flood hazard area. The bill would require the notification of property owners about flood risk and flood insurance. **Status:** In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

SB 17 (Florez) Flood Protection. This bill would rename The Reclamation Board the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, recast various provisions of law regarding its operations, membership and prescribed duties, add evidentiary hearing provisions, add conflict of interest requirements for Board members, require a report on the status of the State Plan of Flood Control, require the Board to write a strategic flood protection plan, and require the Board to review and comment on local and regional land use plans. **Status:** In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

SB 27 (Simitian) Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security and Environmental Improvement Act of 2007. This bill would enact the Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Act of 2007 and would require the Secretary for Resources, on or before January 1, 2008, to begin implementing certain actions on behalf of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta including investing in emergency preparedness, funding projects to aid sustainability in the delta, identifying critical levees to be strengthened and commencing delta restoration projects. Lists legislative expectations for the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force's work and legislative desire to enact legislation in 2008 based on that work. **Status:** In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

SB 34 (Torlakson) User fees and assessments: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta flood control. Existing law requires the Secretary for Resources, in collaboration with the Secretary for Business, Transportation and Housing, to develop a strategic plan to achieve a sustainable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The plan is to include a strategic financing plan. This bill would require the strategic financing plan for the delta to include recommendations with respect to imposing fees under a beneficiaries pay principle. **Status:** In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

SB 59 (Cogdill) Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008. This bill would require the Secretary of State to submit the Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008 to voters for approval to finance specified water storage projects, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta sustainability projects, water use efficiency projects, and ecosystem restoration projects with General Obligation bonds in the amount of \$3.95 billion. Identifies Sites Reservoir and Temperance Flat Reservoir as the water storage projects to be constructed. **Status:** Failed in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

SB 378 (Steinberg) Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006. This bill would establish program implementation provisions for Proposition 1E and require that inspections and evaluations of flood control projects include seismic evaluations; require DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to develop project solicitation and evaluation guidelines for the stormwater flood management grant program; and require DWR to develop project solicitation and evaluation guidelines for levee and flood protection corridor grant programs. **Status:** In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

SB 732 (Steinberg) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. This bill would enact program implementation provisions for Proposition 84 and establish statewide priorities for integrated regional water management plans; require DWR to study reoperation of flood management and water supply facilities to reduce flood risks; require DWR to develop a real-time flood forecasting model; specify various requirements for the expenditure of bond funds for nature education, nature research facilities and state and local parks; establish a sustainable communities council in state government; and require all agencies disbursing funds to develop project solicitation and evaluation guidelines. **Status:** In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

SB 1002 (Perata) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. This bill would appropriate \$30 million in Proposition 84 bond funds to DWR to complete feasibility studies of new surface water storage facilities and to develop a plan for reoperation of the flood protection and water supply systems. In addition, the bill would appropriate \$591.5 million to DWR from various other bond funds for delta levee failure risk reduction projects, grants that integrate groundwater management with water supply management and water quality management, water conservation projects, fish screens, salt removal studies and delta water quality improvement projects. **Status:** In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.